

15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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### Official Information Act Request for – Orthognathic Surgical Criteria

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 1st October 2021, you requested the following information:

- I am writing to request a report on how many patients have been provided with publicly funded orthognathic surgery each year, over the past 5 years from Counties Manukau DBH as a total number. I would like this number to then be categorised into how many patients received orthognathic surgery for a Class III Malocclusion (Child and adult categorised).
- Additionally, I would like to be provided with a list of the Cephalometric and OPG- X Ray measurement criteria that would qualify an adult patient with a Class III Malocclusion to receive publicly funded Orthognathic surgery (+/- Community Services Card).
- Lastly, I would like to be provided with a list of the criteria that establishes the waiting times for an adult requiring orthognathic surgery.

### Counties Manukau Health Response:

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 8,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 601,490 people). We see over 118,000 people in our Emergency Department each year, and over 2,000 visitors come through Middlemore Hospital daily.

Our services are delivered via hospital, outpatient, ambulatory and community-based models of care. We provide regional and supra-regional specialist services i.e. for orthopaedics, plastics, burns and spinal services. There are also several specialist services provided including tertiary surgical services, medical services, mental health and addiction services.

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Table 1 below reflects all Orthognathic Surgeries for any Counties Manukau domiciled patients treated at our facility at CMDHB. Table 2 below reflects all Class III Orthognathic Surgeries which we have identified using clinic, operation and discharge notes.

In both tables 1 and 2, we have withheld the information where the numbers are equal to or less than 3 under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, as withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. We have considered whether the public interest outweighs the need to protect the privacy of individuals and have determined that it does not.

#### All Orthognathic Surgeries

| Clinical Code Description                               | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | Total |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Ostectomy of mandible, unilateral                       | ≤3   |      |      |      |      | ≤3    |
| Ostectomy of maxilla, unilateral                        |      |      |      | ≤3   |      | ≤3    |
| Osteotomy of mandible, bilateral                        |      | ≤3   |      |      |      | ≤3    |
| Osteotomy of maxilla, bilateral                         | ≤3   |      |      |      | ≤3   | ≤3    |
| Osteotomy of mandible with internal fixation, bilateral |      | ≤3   | ≤3   | ≤3   |      | 6     |
| Osteotomy of maxilla with internal fixation, bilateral  | ≤3   | ≤3   |      | 4    | ≤3   | 12    |
| Ostectomy of mandible with internal fixation, bilateral |      |      | ≤3   |      |      | ≤3    |
| Midfacial osteotomies                                   |      |      |      | ≤3   |      | ≤3    |
|   | 5    | 5    | ≤3   | 8    | 4    | 25    |

Table 1: Data Sourced Health Intelligence & Informatics

#### Class III Orthognathic Surgeries (included in above table also)

| Clinical Code Description                               | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Total |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Midfacial osteotomies                                   |         |         |         | ≤3      |         | ≤3    |
| Osteotomy of mandible with internal fixation, bilateral |         |         | ≤3      | ≤3      |         | ≤3    |
|   |         |         | ≤3      | ≤3      |         | 4     |

Table 2: Data Sourced Health Intelligence & Informatics

- **Lastly, I would like to be provided with a list of the criteria that establishes the waiting times for an adult requiring orthognathic surgery.**

As this is an Auckland District Health Board run service, we understand that they have provided the pathway criteria information you have requested in their response to you.

I trust this information answers your request. You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau Health website. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely



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